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Ryan White, centre, has made a name for himself on the natural bodybuilding scene. The one-time Minden resident secured his first world championship at an event in Miami in June. /Submitted

Pro bodybuilder remembers his roots growing up in Minden

MIKE BAKER
County Life Editor

Ryan White is having the time of his life chasing, and achieving, his dreams.

Growing up in Haliburton County, with his family home in Lochlin, White was always an outgoing kid with a keen interest in sports. He remembers, during his time at Archie Stouffer Elementary School and, later, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, being a part of hockey, basketball and football teams. In fact, during his senior year of high school, back in 2001, White was the captain of the then Redmen football team.

By that point, as a blooming teenager, White was four years deep into his biggest and greatest passion – bodybuilding.

"I was probably 12 years old when I got my start – my mom knew the owner of the health food store in Minden. It was really the only place to get any kind of workout supplements… The owner of the store had a friend that was a personal trainer, who would come in like twice a month. And so she started setting up these appointments for me," White said. "This trainer was the guy who kind of got me onto my first plans, first proteins and multivitamins and started teaching me about supplements and diet."

Today, at 38 years of age, White is one of the biggest names in natural bodybuilding. In June, he secured his first world championship, placing first overall in the Musclemania Universe sports model competition.

And now, having arguably reached the peak of his profession, White spent a little time recently reflecting on the path that got him to where he is today. Speaking to *County Life*, White, who now lives just outside of Denver, Colorado, said he has an awful lot to be thankful for.

He remembers, vividly, his days as a high schooler in Haliburton. A far cry from your typical teenager, White

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White posing with his Musclemania Universe world championship trophy. /Submitted

Disastrous injury brought new opportunities

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always had a rough idea in his mind of what his future would be, and what it would involve. He spent the best part of two years waking up at 6 a.m. so that he could make his way to the then recently redeveloped gym at HHSS, where he would train for a couple of hours before starting class.

"I was always reading these Muscle and Fitness magazines (more on this later) and pulling different articles out… Mr. Davies, the football coach, and Mr. Little would always open the gym up for me and a couple of my friends, and we would go in and train every single morning," White recalls.

Upon graduation from HHSS, White moved down to Toronto, where he studied Kinesiology and Health Science at York University. It was here that he generated a passion for mixed martial arts.

During his time as a student, he studied disciplines such as Shaolin kung fu, Muay Thai kickboxing, and Brazilian jiu-jitsu. He also dabbled in freestyle wrestling and boxing. He decided to pursue competitive MMA post-graduation.

Now, rather than focusing on something like the Ultimate Fighting Championship, or other cage fighting promotions, White looked into specialized competitions within his fields of study. He entered several Brazilian jiu-jitsu tournaments, and found he was getting better before disaster, at least from an athlete's perspective, struck.

White tore his Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) in the semi-finals of a state championship tournament in Colorado in 2014.

"I was just on the floor when that happened – I had to go and have surgery, and the doctors had to basically build me a new ACL. I wasn't allowed to go back to martial arts competitions until I had gone through different testing," White said. "So, after the surgery, I started going to the gym and doing what I could to make sure I stayed in shape."

It was during this rehabilitation period that White reconnected with one of his close friends, who had just started competing in natural bodybuilding contests.

"He told me that I should consider participating in one – he thought I had the body for it, and, for me, it just gave me something to do, something to focus on," White said. "So, I set a goal, I think it was eight months after my surgery, once I had learned how to walk again, that I was going to do my first competition."

And the rest, as White so eloquently put it, is history. He won that first show, in Denver, in October 2015. That win helped pave the way for a different future.

While White only intended on participating in the one

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‘Huge difference’ between natural and enhanced bodybuilding

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bodybuilding contest, the thrill of competing again combined with the knowledge that, with just eight months of work behind him, he was capable of winning a prestigious competition, he bought in. In a big way.

He was invited to attend the natural bodybuilding world championships in Las Vegas, where he represented the state of Colorado as one of their only physique champions. That was an eye opener – White found himself rubbing shoulders with around 700 competitors from 40 different countries.

The event was another unequivocal success. White placed fifth overall in his category. After returning home to Colorado, he found he had become something of an overnight celebrity. He was asked on morning talk shows, both for radio and TV, and saw a huge uptick in the number of people taking out memberships at the gym he owns and operates.

“All these doors just started opening up for me, and I was at the point where I was like ‘man, I think I’m just going to run with this for a bit’. So I left the whole competitive fighting side of my life behind and started working towards the goal of turning pro as a bodybuilder,” White said.

Within 12 months, White hadn’t only achieved that goal, he had knocked it out of the park. Between Oct. 2015 and Oct. 2016, he competed in six shows, won three state titles and placed first in a pro qualifier competition, securing his pro card.

Since then, White has won one further state championship in Colorado and a state title in Texas. He has continued to compete on the world stage, during annual Musclemania competitions, securing one second place finish before this year’s grand title. He was especially proud of his performance in Miami in June, as his main sponsor for the event, who help to cover different costs associated with competing, was Northern HVAC from right here in Haliburton County.

Going over some of the specifics of his chosen profession, White says there’s a difference between natural bodybuilding and some of the more famous shows people may have heard of, such as Mr. Olympia and the Arnold Classic.

“For natural bodybuilding, all the competitors have to go through Olympic-level drug testing, where they test for anything from illegal fat burners to steroid panels, peptides, basically anything that would see any of the Olympic athletes get popped for, we get tested on. Then, if we fail, we get our titles stripped and we’re banned from competing for two years,” White said. “Then, there are other federations that allow enhanced bodybuilding. Those guys don’t do any type of testing, so there’s no rules whatsoever. People can take whatever they want.”

White focused more on the natural side due to his background, all those years ago, with natural foods and nutrients he got from the health food store in Minden. His background in kinesiology and health sciences helped, too.

We asked Ryan how different, or how much more difficult it is to maintain the life, body and career as a natural bodybuilder compared to enhanced.

“It is work, there’s no doubt about it. I would say, for natural, diet is probably even more important than the training. Yeah, training is important, but diet makes all the difference. It helps determine how conditioned you are on stage. So, when I get on stage, usually I’m between 3.5 per cent and four per cent body fat,” White said. “It takes an unbelievable effort to get your body ready for competition. Our training camps are typically 16 weeks long.”

During those camps, Ryan will dedicate each day to training a specific part of his body. On Mondays he will work on his back, Tuesday on his chest. On Wednesday he will focus on his legs, Thursday on his shoulders and Friday on his arms. Then, over those days, he will identify which area of his body requires additional help to grow muscle mass and help him look his best. On those days, he will incorporate a high carb, low fat, moderate protein diet. On days where he is focusing on his conditioning, he will have a more high protein, moderate fat, low carb diet.

When talking foods, Ryan says he eats a lot of lean fish, ground turkey and chicken portions. Occasionally he will allow himself fattier fish, like salmon, and red meat. As far as carbs, it’s a ton of white rice, vegetables and oatmeal.

Having taken a couple of weeks to relax and recuperate following that last competition in Miami in June, White is now back in camp, preparing for the

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Haliburton and District Lions Club presents stories in the park

GRACE OBORNE
County Life Staff

There is always an opportunity to serve others, and the Haliburton District Lions Club’s motto embraces that very ideology.

The club’s very first Stories in the Park Fun Fair took place last summer. The idea was to provide a fun day in the park for children and families after a long, hard year dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. It was also an opportunity to put new books in the hands of children.

With great success and appreciation from the community last year, the Lions are eager to put on another fun day again this summer. On Aug. 27 from noon to 2 p.m., children and families are welcomed to join others at Head Lake park in Haliburton.

Individuals will be able to participate in low-impact, non-competitive games. There will be a bean bag toss, a fish pond, sidewalk chalk games, mini putt, ladder toss games, and many more. Every child will also be given a free book and will be able to indulge in a free hotdog lunch with popcorn and juice boxes.

The Haliburton community has been extremely supportive. In the past, OPP have come to meet the kids and to show the kids their vehicles. EMS and their ambulances, as well as firemen and their trucks have all come out for the kids as well. The Haliburton District Lions Club is hoping the same will happen this summer.

“We’d like to make it a community event as best we can,” said Gail Stelter, the coordinator and chair.

“The fact that the Stories in the Park Fun Fair is free, is very important. This is for all kids and all families in our community, and we know that not all families can, especially during COVID times, go to Canada’s Wonderland and other such places. It is important that families can have something that they can do and they don’t have to think about the money and can just think about coming and having fun, meeting friends and neighbours and enjoying themselves for an afternoon,” said Stelter.

In light of serving others in the community, Haliburton District Lions Club is a service organization. They’re a not-for-profit organization and have different avenues of service.

“One service is to help others to do service projects in the community, to support people in need. The service is to raise funds, so that we can do all that. The Haliburton Lions raise money to give it away. We don’t keep anything, everything we raise goes back into the community so that we can do our service projects,” said Stelter.

The idea to put on the fun fair came from literacy and Stelter’s passion for it.

“I think one of the inspiring ideas for this, is the reading action program. It is a program that is very dear to our hearts, and it’s a program where we seek to improve literacy in our area. One of the ways we like to do that is by putting new books in the hands of children, so we were inspired to think about how can we have a fun day for kids but at the same time promote literacy.”

“Literacy is one of the most important things we do for our children. Children who read, think; children who read, do better in school; children who read, enjoy life, they can go to different places through books. The whole world is open to them through books. So it is very important that we find ways to support literacy in our own community. That is what drives me. Also, what’s important, are the families. There are a lot of things for families to do in the world. But a lot of things cost money, we want to provide a free, fun, lunch hour event for them,” Stelter added.

Stories in the Park is looking for volunteers who will come out for a couple of hours to help with the children’s games. There are currently about 15, but are in need of about 30 volunteers.

“This is a wonderful opportunity to for us to serve. We invite everyone to come out and have a great afternoon with us. We’d also like anyone who might be considering becoming a Lion, to come out, see what we do, meet us, and have some fun with us,” concluded Stelter.

For more information about Stories in the Park or to volunteer for the event, email Stelter at gatesstelter@gmail.com.

Family support integral to pro bodybuilder's rise to fame

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upcoming Fitness America competition in Las Vegas in November.

He is still allowing himself a couple of distractions here and there, though.

For example, White has been doing all he can to secure votes in a bit of a different contest he was entered into this summer, one that could potentially see him featured in his favourite magazine from his childhood.

"Muscle and Fitness had a contest running where they were asking people to vote for their favourite bodybuilder in a bunch of different categories. At the end, the winner would have an article written about them in a future edition of the magazine," White said. "That was something I was especially excited about, because I grew up, basically, on Muscle and Fitness. I still have this old binder jam packed full of my favourite articles and workout regiments. In high school, Muscle and Fitness was basically my workout bible, so to potentially, years later, be featured in it, it would be a dream come true."

Voting for the contest is currently closed, while a winner had still not been revealed as of press time.

Now approaching his 40s, White says he has a few more years in the tank as far as competing goes. He wants to maintain a presence in competitions until he hits 45, at which time he will "likely" retire and focus more on coaching.

Since opening his gym in 2014, and especially in the years since he has become a household name on the bodybuilding scene, White has been heavily involved in coaching and training. While he started out helping people with their weight loss goals, he has transitioned into a high-level trainer, assisting several professional athletes.

"I've trained the 2018 Musclemania Bikini world champion, her name is Nicole Ortolani. I've trained pro boxers like Ricky Lopez and Mike Alvarado. Mike Alvarado was actually slated to fight Manny Pacquiao at one time, although the fight didn't go ahead," White said. "Coaching at the gym has certainly become my passion."

Ryan's story is an inspiring one – a small-town boy making it big. When asked what advice he could pass down to the next generation, White said, as much as it might be a cliché, to never give up on your dreams, regardless of what they may be.

"Focus on what you love and what you're super passionate about. Back when I was growing up, there wasn't anybody in town that even knew it was possible to make a living with fitness. It was just something that I loved so much, and I was so passionate about," White said. "I think if you follow you heart, follow your dreams, the money and the opportunities and all of those other things will come.

"It doesn't matter if your thing is that you're great at building model airplanes, or something like that. It might be totally off the wall, like bodybuilding was for me, but if that's where your passion is, and you're living it every day, you will find a way to make it work, and success will come," White concluded.

Through it all, Ryan said he has had many people on his side as an "important" support system to help him through the good times and the bad.

"I would like to say and point out that I have had a lot of help, and a lot of support on my journey. From great coaches, like I had in high school that would open up the gym for me even though they probably shouldn't have, to my mom going out and finding me a trainer, and just understanding this was something I was passionate about, even from a young age. Then my family now - my fiancee, my kids, and just a wonderful community I have around me. I just want to say thank you and show my gratitude to them, I wouldn't be where I am today without them."

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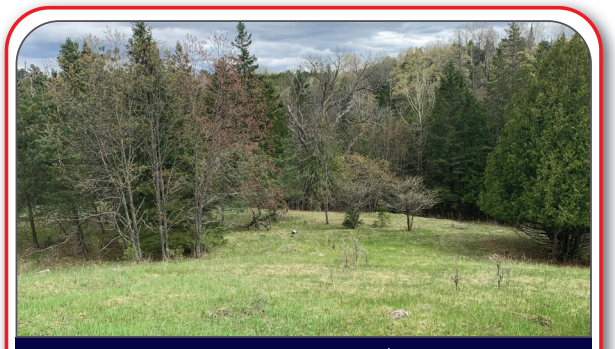

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Time flies when you're doing what you love

AS I REFLECT on how my summer has gone thus far, from the hammock of which I sit in, I look out only to see the sun beaming onto Canning Lake. I can also hear laughter that exhilarates through family and friends, and I think to myself, this has been a summer for the books. I ask myself how it has already been more than a month. It's crazy how fast time flies when you're having fun, working hard, and enjoying life.

GRACE OBORNE
Reporter

I remember my first day of work like it was yesterday. I was so anxious that working for an actual newspaper was going to be way above my knowledge and abilities as student. I was worried that I wasn't going to succeed at a reporting position, or even worse, that I wasn't going to enjoy it. Instead, it has been the greatest and most rewarding experience I've had in a long time. Working here has made me realize that being a journalist is something I really want to pursue.

Although I speak highly of how my time in this position has been so far, it hasn't been perfect every minute of the way, and I mean that my work hasn't been perfect. Day-to-day, I get constant feedback on how I can better my writing, reporting, and photography skills. As a journalism student, I feel it is one of the best parts of my job. I've been able to take advice from professional journalists and put it towards the material I produce. More than that, I'll take that new knowledge and apply it to the work I carry out in school.

Within the first two weeks of my work being published, there had been a few instances where people had reached out just to tell me that my writing is terrible and that I shouldn't work towards the profession of journalism. Though, at the time, that criticism I received was discouraging, now that I look back on it, those words have really only encouraged me to work harder. I've learned that this will happen again throughout my career, but the best way to go about it is to stay positive and move on.

Overall, Haliburton County and its community have been wonderful to work with. Everyone has been so welcoming and engaging. It was hard to walk into a new community, but each and every person I've crossed paths with has made it easier. I genuinely become excited for each assignment that I receive because it means I'm able to engage with more individuals in the community. I can't wait to continue the rest of my time at the papers and to meet many more of you.

Asides from writing and reporting, when I'm not working, I spend my time with my boyfriend's family and friends, or I go back home to visit family and friends. However, more often than not, I choose to stay at the cottage. Why would one want to leave when they wake up every morning to a view of the lake?

My boyfriend and his family have been an amazing support system for me while I've been away from my own family. They've gone out of their way to make me feel at home as well and continue to support me and my work every day.

Another reason as to why I love working in Haliburton is because during the week I'm able to write and do what I love, then on my time off, I get to spend time with people I love. Whether that is here on the lake, or back home in the city. Ultimately, between work and family, I've been having the best summer.

I look forward to the rest of my time working here, and to making many more memories with friends and family.

Please reach out anytime at grace@haliburtonpress.com if you have a lead on a story or if you just simply want to chat.

Top 10 reasons why you shouldn't get married on opening day

RECENTLY, MY SON surprised me with the news that he is going to get married on the day before opening day of duck season. I know. Congratulations are in order. I mean, that is the most important day in anyone's life, and he nearly got married on it. Thankfully, we dodged the bullet.

With that in mind, I thought it would be wise to compile a list for others as to why it is not a good idea to get married on the opening day of duck season. Here are my top 10 reasons.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

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4. Retrievers keep beating bridesmaids to the bouquet.
5. Venue owners get upset when you pluck ducks at the table.
6. Non-hunters attending will think it's a shotgun wedding.
7. Decoys in the punch bowls.
8. You run the risk of someone shushing the minister and whispering "Don't move. They're coming in."
9. Glint off of wedding rings might spook incoming birds.
10. The question, "If there is anyone who objects to this union speak now or forever hold your peace" just might be answered.

The buzz

Took a paintbrush to a board
Birchwood bought in 12-inch square
Used my palette sludge to sketch
Composition forming there

Soon the highlands glow in green
Granite boulders lichen-dressed
Myriad of branch and trunk
White pines taller than rest

Lake develops, flat and blue
Almost like the ocean stretched
From horizon to the ridge
Diamonds twinkling, stardust fetched

When it's done, the painting's left
Drying far away from view
In the morn I'll freshly choose
Last inspection, or redo

In the new light of next day
Board looks brighter, bigger, good
I need nothing more to add
Highlands here seem understood

Colours of a vista daubed:
Ochre, black, and red, as well -
Yet there is a missing song
Something more ethereal -

Not the sun, or clouds, or rock
Nor the many types of trees
Not the pretty wildflowers specked
But the miracle of bees

So, instead of varnishing
I pull out a tiny brush
And from unused yellow tube
Extricate a royal flush

And on foreground meadow add
Five small dots, transparent-winged:
BEES! (though purist art rules flinch)
Artist-licensed whimsy pinged

Suddenly my square's alive
Plain wood, now acrylic-decked
Highlands ARE these trees, lake, sky
But their voice needs this insect

Proud, I thought to paint some here
Glad I represent the bees
Just wish there were more of them
But, like me, they're on their knees

World's a tired, frightened place
Losing nature by the hour
What we mustn't lose at all:
Hives and honey, pollen, flower

Deb Reed

The Virtual Worlds of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest

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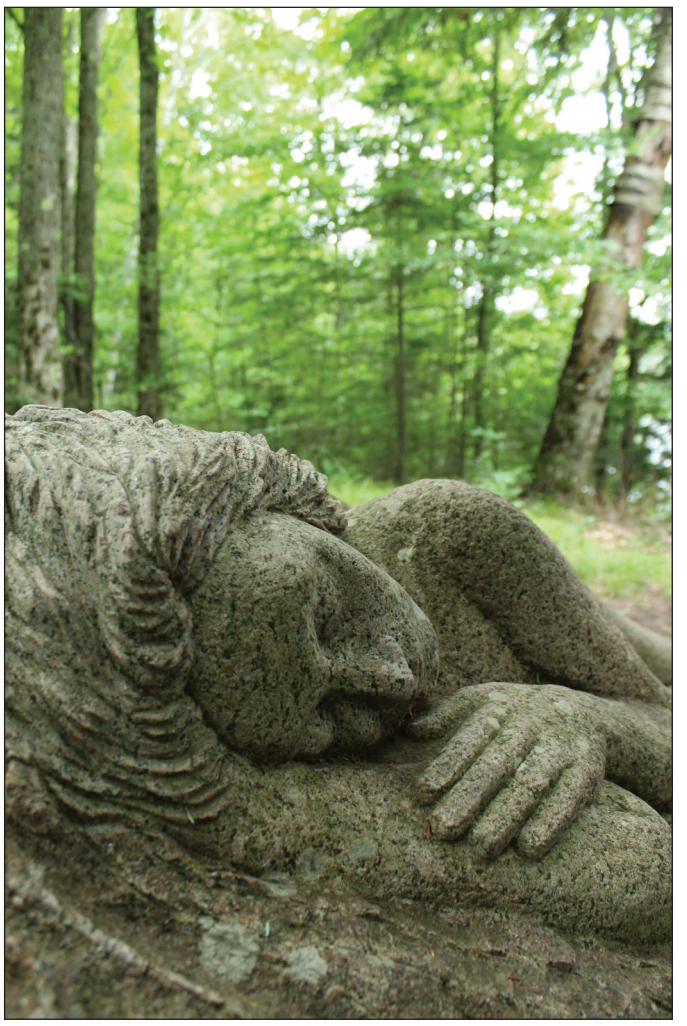

Left, *Guardians of the Forest* by Brett Davis, installed in 2004. This bronze piece reflects on humankind's relationship with nature and the goal of preserving the natural world. Right, *Sleep of the Huntress* by Doug Stephens installed in 2004. What first appears to be just a large rock until the viewer gets closer, reveals to be the bed of a sleeping huntress. She is present physically but she is lost in the dimension of dreams. /Photos courtesy of Nadia Pagliaro

For most people who visit the Haliburton Sculpture Forest it is a sequestered place to experience art and nature, but for some it is a space where the virtual world connects with the physical in new and interesting ways. Through virtual tours, geocaching adventures, and Pokémon Go, there are more hidden worlds within the Sculpture Forest than ever before.

When the pandemic began in 2020, the Sculpture Forest was faced with new challenges - it could no longer safely hold tours but the trails were still suitable for people who wanted to enjoy art outdoors. How could the Sculpture Forest give visitors the full experience and stories of the sculptures without meeting in groups? The board of directors decided on setting up virtual tours through PocketSights Tours, an app that provides virtual or in-person tours for visitors so that they can explore the Sculpture Forest at their own leisure. Through the app, visitors can take a standard tour of the Sculpture Forest in which the app will give the information on the sculpture that they are closest to based on their location, or a virtual tour for people wishing to see the sculptures from home or without using their location. Another helpful tool in the PocketSights Tours app is the text to speech function, which gives visitors the chance to explore the forest without having to spend their time reading from their phone.

Geocaching has been a popular pastime for thousands of people around the world since the early 2000s. Traditionally made up of a series of containers or caches, which players would find using GPS markers and collect or exchange items they found in them. Some geocaching hosts provided prizes for people who found all the caches in a map while others were based more on the experience. As location tracking in smartphones has evolved, geocaching has as well. There are several apps that provide geocaching experiences for smartphone users, including the Adventure Lab mobile app. Unlike traditional geocaching, adventures do not require a physical container. In this app, users collect points called "find counts" for each item they find. The experience allows users to explore new areas and is used by people doing road trips, exploring new regions, or even getting to know the area where they live a bit better. There is currently only one geocaching tour of the Sculpture Forest on the Adventure Lab app which uses various sculptures as its "find points'. The more traditional form of geocaching has been popular in Highlands East for a number of years. The signs in the area proclaim it as the "Geocaching Capital of Canada." Other geocaching experiences have been provided seasonally by Yours Outdoors and other tourism organizations in the county.

Sun Bench by Scott McKay, installed in 2018. Part of the Mother Earth's Living Room series, this bench connects the aspect of nature and the sun to visitors in a way that is both conceptual and functional. /Photo by Nadia Pagliaro

While geocaching seems to have more appeal to older generations, for children and those who enjoy faster-paced experiences, Pokémon Go has created action-packed gameplay that can be enjoyed within the Sculpture Forest. The game, launched worldwide in July 2016, creates an augmented reality using players' real-time location to find Pokémon in their area to capture, train, and battle them. While the game might not have the same viral success it did in 2016, it still appeals to younger generations as a means of exercise and a way to explore the outdoors while

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Sculpture Forest going virtual

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playing a game with friends. The Haliburton Sculpture Forest has multiple Pokéstops at various sculptures where players can stock up on useful items to use in the game, as well as a Pokémon Gym where players of different teams can battle their Pokémon either one-on-one or with multiple Pokémon against a higher-level one in a raid. The gameplay of Pokémon Go was one of the first of its kind, offering certain prizes if players walked over a certain amount, occasionally releasing new, rare Pokémon, and encouraging players to explore the physical world in order to explore their virtual one.

The Haliburton Sculpture Forest is looking to further increase the connection between the online world and the virtual as it looks to add signs with QR codes for each sculpture to directly link each sculpture to its page on the Sculpture Forest website. All of the apps previously mentioned: PocketSights Tours, Adventure Lab, and Pokémon Go are available for both Apple and Android devices and are all free to download and use (some in-app purchases are available but not required). As all the apps mentioned are constantly being updated the user experience is constantly changing, creating a slightly different experience with each visit.

The Haliburton Sculpture Forest has a collection of over 40 sculptures and one-of-a-kind benches by Canadian and International artists nestled along forest trails and surrounding the campus of the Haliburton School of Art + Design. It is located in Glebe Park at the edge of the village of Haliburton. It is open 365 days a year. Admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. For more information visit www.haliburtonsculptureforest.ca. Free tours are offered every Tuesday morning at 10:00 in July and August and private small group tours are available year-round through yoursoutdoors.ca.

A happy ending

Ian Myers, of Myers Chimney in Minden, recently donated $1,000 to the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary. He experienced first-hand the work that Woodlands' staff carry out, after dropping off an injured turtle to the sanctuary back in June. "While out doing service calls on Glamorgan Road, I saw a turtle on its back on the road, that was run over by a car. It's shell was cracked and its back legs were not moving," Myers said. He immediately made the call to Woodlands. "They called me back [on Aug. 6] and said he was ready to return to the wild... When I put him back into his pond, he dug in with all four legs swinging, homeward bound." Myers said he plans to become a regular donor to Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary. /Submitted

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~ Friday, August 27 ~

Remembering H.A.V.E. chairman and beloved Highlands resident Ron Reid, Help A Village Effort is hosting a charity golf tournament in his honour, raising money to provide safe drinking water to people in rural India. Although this year's event is sold out, those wishing to donate to H.A.V.E.'s work can do so online at helpavillageeffort.org, by emailing HAVE@helpavillageeffort.org, or mailing a cheque to P.O. Box 553, Minden, ON, K0M 2K0.

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Algonquin Outfitters celebrating 60 years with almost $3,000 in contest prizes

Algonquin Outfitters (AO) has a simple goal: to get people outside. The company grew from a young boy's passion for the outdoors and for 60 years they have never wavered from their focus on authentic outdoor adventure.

The moment Bill Swift Sr. arrived at Camp Pathfinder, he fell in love with Algonquin Park. That experience set roots for what would become a beloved outdoor retailer and outfitter serving people from around the world.

From its humble beginnings as a seasonal outfitter at Oxtongue Lake, just west of Algonquin Park, AO is now a three-generation, family-run retail and outfitting operation with 12 locations in and around Algonquin Park, Haliburton Highlands, and Muskoka. They launched an online store last year and this season expanded four locations—Bracebridge, Haliburton, Minden, and Port Carling.

Today, under the guidance of Rich and Sue Swift, Algonquin Outfitters continues to embrace its roots, providing a range of both summer and winter outdoor experiences along with the gear to get outside and have fun.

What better way to celebrate six decades of sharing a love for the outdoors than with a contest that honours Algonquin Outfitters history?

From now through the end of November, AO is hosting a contest featuring a fun, online historical quiz with the chance to win exciting prizes like a $1,000 AO Gift Card and an Ultimate Canoe Trip Package worth more than $900.

The Swift family, pictured left, are celebrating 60 years of operating their third-generation family business Algonquin Outfitters.

All of the answers to the 30-question quiz can be found at algonquinoutfitters.com. Answers to questions like: Who has been the Brent store's legendary manager for almost 40 years? Or what is the name of the canoe route created in memory of Bill Swift Sr. that links four AO stores in Algonquin Park? Or how many years was AO a seasonal business that shut down in winter months?

Every correct answer earns an entry into the contest. And once you've completed the quiz, snap some selfies at any Algonquin Outfitters—up to seven at each location—to increase your chances of winning. That's up to 84 bonus entries!

The contest ends November 30, 2021. Winners will be selected by random draw for one of five prizes: Grand prize: $1,000 Algonquin Outfitters gift card; second place: Ultimate Canoe Trip package, valued at more than $900; third place: $500 Algonquin Outfitters gift card; fourth place: $250 Algonquin Outfitters gift card; fifth place: $100 Algonquin Outfitters gift card

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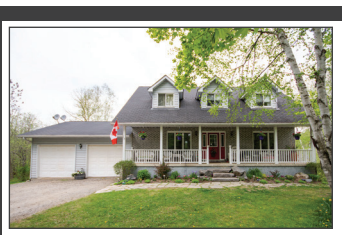

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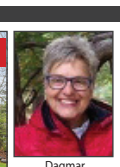

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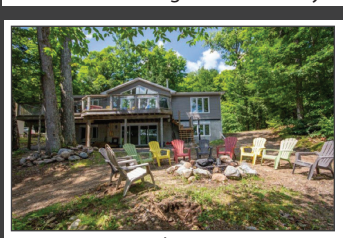

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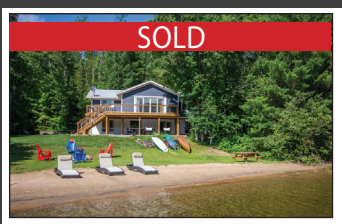

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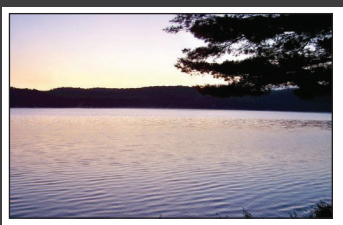

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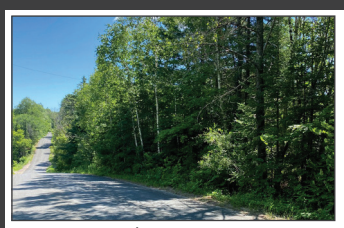

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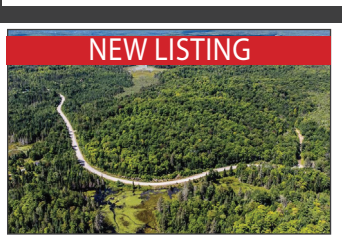

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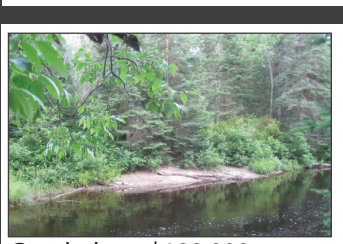

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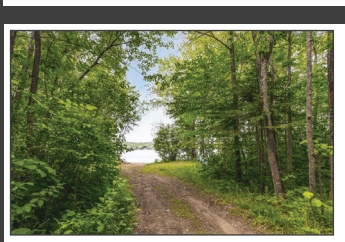

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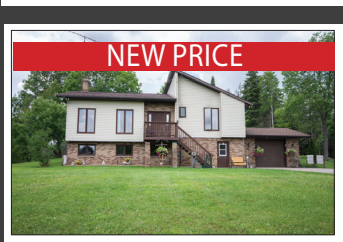

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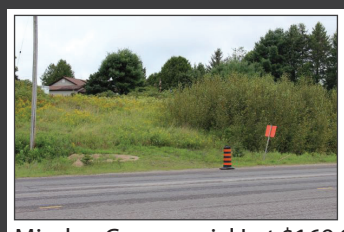

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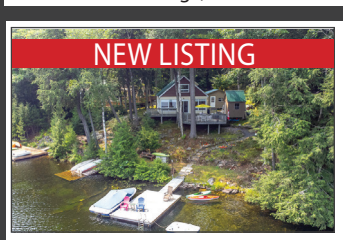

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County cottager exhibits photography at Twist Gallery

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When one takes an image, they're freezing a moment, and that reveals how rich reality can truly be. For photographers, this is one of the most special moments they can experience in their careers.

Twist Gallery in downtown Toronto is exhibiting a group show called *Life Through a Lens*, with Haliburton's Huw Morgan set to exhibit his photography series called *City in Motion* from Aug. 4 to 28, along with 6 other photographers.

Raised in the UK, Morgan, who has had a cottage in the community for close to 40 years, has been passionate about photography ever since he was a child, although it wasn't until 2015 that he decided to pursue it seriously.

Morgan attended the Haliburton School of Arts + Design, taking their photography certificate program.

"It was a really good program, and it [had] a different instructor every week. I learned all the skills of photography. Everything from darkroom, to how to shoot product photography, how to shoot models, and how to shoot landscapes. It was multidisciplinary," said Morgan.

Morgan has two different avenues to his photographic style. He'll come up with an idea to work towards and take photographs for a couple of years to bolster that idea.

"I have sort of two practises. I have an event photography practise, where I do weddings, corporate events, and that sort of thing. Then I'm also the official photographer for the Peterborough Symphony Orchestra, and that's one part of my practise. I have a fine art practise as well, and my fine art practices conceptual photography," said Morgan.

The first major project that Morgan took on was a series called *Traces of Settlement*. He exhibited that at the Kawartha Art Gallery in Lindsay. The inspiration behind it was the abandonment of buildings in Ontario.

"I did a whole series... about abandoned houses and abandoned industrial buildings all over southern Ontario and Haliburton County. The whole theme looked at how nature is taking back from civilization as we abandon things. In Haliburton, we used to have a very large farming community of which [most] is gone, so there are lots of abandoned farm houses and abandoned factories that are dotting the landscape as well," said Morgan.

Now, he is thrilled to be able to share his work from his *City in Motion* series. This series is all about capturing vitality, motion, and energy of the big city.

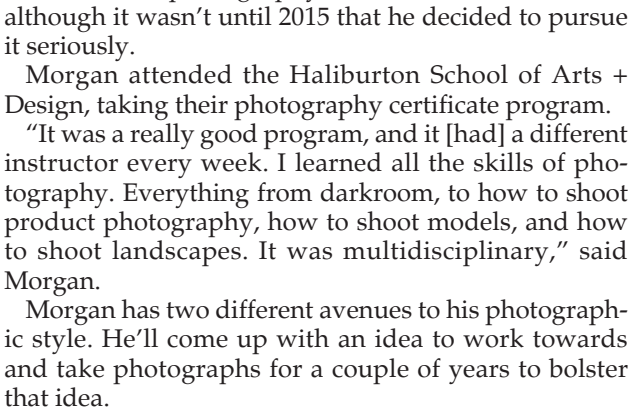
"The first inspiration came from another photographer who does a very similar thing, but his mood is very different. He captured similar kind of images with multiple exposures but they tell a story of faceless people. It's a very bleak approach that says we have no individuality. His work is in black and white, and I instead, decided to use that technique, but flip it around and say, in Toronto we're all individuals, and we're very colourful," explained Morgan.

Morgan was able to choose eight different photographs that will be exhibited at the *Life Through a Lens* showcase.

"They're really the eight pieces that I think tell the story of the city so they're mostly happy energetic pieces, but there are a couple that show how cruel the city can be as well. For example, there's one that shows two guys dressed up, and they're doing their darndest to entertain on a very cold bleak winter's night and you can see this steady stream of faceless pedestrians passing by and nobody's stopping to put any money in their little plate."

"I really love photography, because it just freezes time. It's an art form I can do and it really harmonizes well with my background in digital and information technology. So I love everything about digital photography. I love capturing the images, then processing them after in Lightroom and Photoshop. It's very satisfying," Morgan added.

With the pandemic restrictions slowly lifting, Morgan is looking forward to



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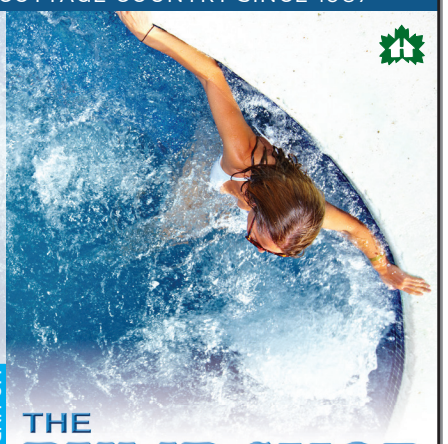

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Big Smiles

The Good Hood Project brought together a group of over 20 children from community housing in Minden to paint rocks on Wednesday, Aug. 4. The theme of the painting was, "what belonging means to them". The Project team then placed the rocks next to the Logger's Bridge for all to see and enjoy. The team invites other children from the community to add to the collection of brightly painted rocks. / Submitted

Haliburton woman launches her locally made clothing brand

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County Life Staff

Keli is a one woman band. Production for Haliburton Clothing Company takes place in the basement of Keli's Haliburton home. /GRACE OBORNE Staff

Do what you love and love what you do. This is the concept that Keli Schmidt has applied to her day-to-day life.

Since moving to Haliburton in November 2020, Schmidt has taken her passions for sewing and fashion and created Haliburton Clothing Co., which launched on June 21.

For the 16 years prior to opening her own business, Schmidt worked as a freelance apparel developer in Toronto, where she had many loyal clients. COVID-19 made her and her husband's move to Haliburton easier as she realized that she could keep her clients by working remotely.

"COVID happened and we learned how to work remotely, so then that was part of what made it possible for us to move at this point. It made me feel confident that I would have work because my clients were already working remotely," said Schmidt.

One day Schmidt had been surfing Google and, while looking for a Haliburton clothing company, found there wasn't one. She was eager to make it happen.

"I've been around town and saw that there's a lot of printed apparel, but it's printed here, it's not actually made here. I think the hope was that there is a market here for people who want things that are 100 per cent made in Haliburton. So that was the first way I was imagining the HCC," noted Schmidt.

Haliburton Clothing Co. is founded and single-handedly run by Schmidt. It is a clothing line that is dedicated to providing Haliburton with a source for ethically manufactured sustainable clothing that is tailored to the Highlands' lifestyle.

The Haliburton life is what inspires Keli's designs.

"I'm making clothes for what I'm doing here. Shorts for example - in the city I never wore shorts. Now that I'm here, I wear shorts all the time, so I have to make shorts. My hoodies, they have longer sleeves because if you're sitting around the fire, you need to be able to pull your sleeves over your hands to protect them from mosquitoes," said Schmidt.

According to Schmidt, the HCC creates "high quality, field-tested tees and hoodies for men, women and kids, as well as summer and winter women's collections including dresses, tanks, pants, sweaters and panties."

Production, which includes design, pattern making, cutting, printing and assembly, are all done in Schmidt's home based workshop just south of Haliburton Village.

Schmidt is hoping to soon open her home to shoppers, by appointment only, and long-term she hopes to build an addition on her property for clients and customers to come spend time shopping.

"I am going to let people come shop here. This gives us a really nice opportunity to customize the clothes for clients, because now I'm here with you and not on Zoom. Eventually, a long-term plan is to build an addition that is a little nicer," said Schmidt.

Before then, Schmidt will begin showcasing her work and will have a little store at the Minden farmer's market for anyone to go and shop her brand. Schmidt will be set up at the market on Aug. 28, Sept. 11, and Sept. 25.

"I'll have the full collection there. I rigged up a change room at my booth, so people can try stuff on. I'm going to have a mirror and I'll be there with my pins and my measuring tape. I think that'll be a cool shopping opportunity, I hope," expressed Schmidt.

T-shirts and Hoodies are on display at the Rails End Gallery, which individuals can purchase.

Early in Schmidt's career, she was serving in restaurants until she was 25. Her first ever fashion show was at the restaurant she was working at and is what inspired her drive to work in the industry.

"I had to make a lot of new clothes, so everyone paid for their own fabric and the design was a collaborative process to make sure that they got a garment that they liked and then we did the fashion show. That was kind of the first step in me considering actually making this a career," said Schmidt.

In light of HCC's launch, there is a 10 per cent off offer on the website that will pop up once you open the link. Schmidt encourages individuals to take a look at the items because there is something for everyone.

Schmidt expressed her love for Haliburton and its community as she has felt overwhelmed with the love and support she has received. "

"We've been really welcomed by everyone. The local arts community has been extremely welcoming, so we've just been really feeling the love. As much as we've been coming to visit, this place is way better than we thought it was now that we live here. I said to my husband before we moved up that my expectations were so high for this place, and now it's better than I ever could have imagined."

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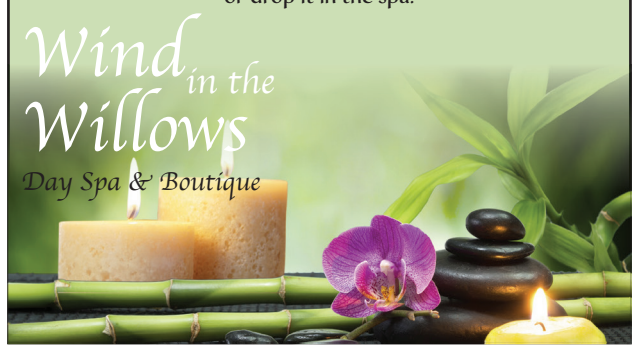

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- Experience in/understanding of community newspapers
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- Excellent time management
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- Firm command of spelling, grammar and Canadian Press style
- Working knowledge of Adobe Photoshop and Adobe InDesign software
- Willingness to live in Haliburton County
- Access to a vehicle and a valid driver's licence

Interested candidates should forward resumes and writing samples to general manager David Zilstra at **david.zilstra@haliburtonpress.com** no later than August 20th.

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- Firm command of spelling, grammar and Canadian Press style
- Demonstrated photography and photo editing skills
- Ability to juggle numerous assignments while meeting multiple deadlines
- Willingness to live in Haliburton County
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Please social distance. For more information please contact Denise Winder at 705-447-2953 or Marilyn Wooder at 705-447-2906.

Mineral Collecting

Mineral collecting is a fun outdoor activity. Adults and kids alike will delight in the chance to dig for buried treasure, and bring home some colourful gems of your very own! Get a Permission to Collect form (free) from our website.

Geocaching

Geocaching is a family friendly outdoor game. It's often referred to as "treasure hunting with a high tech twist" because you use the geocaching.com website and either a GPS device or a smartphone. GPS Rentals are available from the Visitor Information Centre and come preloaded so you can start playing right away.

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Walk-in Vaccine Clinic in Wilberforce

Wilberforce will have a walk-in vaccine clinic held by Haliburton Highlands Health Services and no appointment is necessary. The clinic will be open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on August 24 at the Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce.

Visitor Information Centre Open

Our Visitor Information Centre at 2786 Essonville Line in Wilberforce, at the Curling Club is open Tuesday to Saturday 10 am to 4 pm (closed Sunday and Monday). We offer mineral permission to collect forms, directions, geocaching information and GPS rentals, trails, events and other general area information.
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Public meeting told

Committee pursuing inquiries from MDs

by Andrew Milne

An ad-hoc committee organized to bring doctors into the Minden area announced last week that they have been contacted by interested physicians.

Community Committee for Physicians (CCP) members were unable however to confirm how far along negotiations are.

Also announced during the meeting: the Ministry of Health (MOH) has informed the eight reeves of the catchment area of the Minden hospital that minister Ruth Grier will not be taking the time to visit them to resolve the region's health care crisis. The reeves had been pressing the Health Minister for assistance regarding the closing of the in-patient services at the Minden Hospital. Their letter was sent May 1 and, until just a day before the meeting, they had not received a reply.

The CCP made the announcement about the inquiries at a public meeting May 24 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, an information session held to announce to residents of the Minden area what progress has been made. CCP member Doug Campbell said they had received the inquiries — to advertisements placed in medical trade publications — only shortly before the meeting.

The CCP told the meeting that its mandate does not concern so much the status of the hospital, as attracting physicians to the region and keeping them here — something they hope to achieve by making physicians aware of the need in the community and the benefits of locating here. The committee has placed advertisements in a number of medical journals inviting inquiries from doctors.

More than 300 people attended the May 24 meeting and heard presentations from CCP members Jeanne Anthon (also reeve of Anson, Hindon, and Minden), Jack Brezina, Campbell, Brian Kernohan, and Ted Wilkes.

Foster Loucks, executive director of the Acting Health Services Board (AHSB), a body formed to take over the operation of hospital services in Haliburton County following their divestment from St. Joseph's, was also present, to speak to the public for the first time since being hired to the position May 1. Loucks described rec-

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Many hands make...

.....LIGHT WORK: not that this group of Toronto and Hamilton area people didn't already know that from their business experience. They are members of the Toronto Junior Board, a group of young entrepreneurs who donated their time and muscle this past weekend to erect a health centre at Camp Wanakita. Close to 80 members of the organization were on hand for the three day building bee which saw the 1800 square foot exterior of the structure completed by Sunday. A second group of volunteers will arrive at the camp next weekend to complete the interior work. For more pictures of the work in progress see page 21

Contract awarded for county building renovations

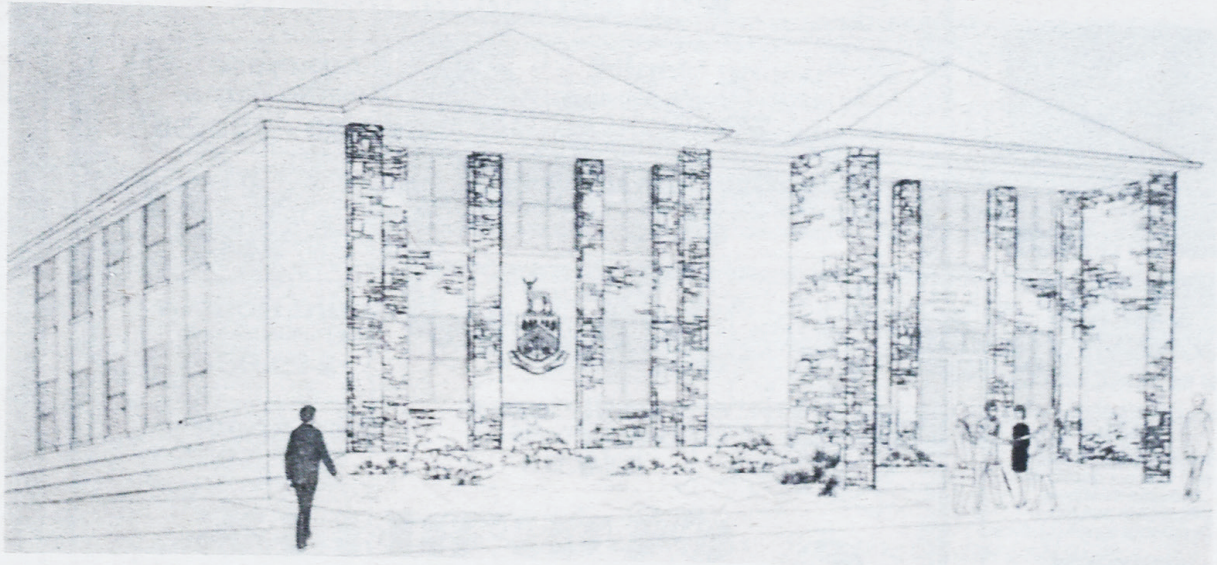
The contract for the renovations and addition to the Haliburton County Administration Building has been awarded to Rodco Enterprise of Haliburton.

Three companies were invited to make presentations during a closed session of County Council last Thursday. The majority of council members favoured the Rodco plan, which came in at $702,800, including GST.

Acting County Administrator Ross Rigney said that all three of the proposals were very close in quality and price but it was the aesthetics of the Rodco design, which kept the character of the present building, that won council's endorsement.

A resolution was passed accepting the Rodco proposal, subject to final approval of the infrastructure grant by the federal government. The provincial government has already given its approval.

County councillors Eleanor Harrison and Murray Fearrey declared conflict of interest in the matter since they both are involved in the building supply business.



NEW LOOK: This is an artist's concept of how the front of the Haliburton County administration building will look after the expansion and renovations are completed. County Council endorsed this $700,000 project last Thursday.

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Fantastic opportunity! Solid quality construction. Exceptional view of the lake from most rooms, the screened-in porch, and the full-length deck which spans across the front of the cottage. Large open concept kitchen, living room and dining room, 2 spacious bdrms and 2 baths, and 9ft ceilings throughout. 118.31 feet of clean rock and sand shoreline, large dock, sitting area on shore and big lake views!

IRONDALE RIVER $759,000

This beautiful 3-bdrm 1 bath year-round home or cottage. With over 200 feet of frontage and 3.24 acres, this level property provides ample privacy. Sand riverfront shoreline is perfect for swimming. Built in 2015 and offers a spacious kitchen finished with wood cabinetry, ceramic flooring, and a large island. The dining room is the perfect size for your family's harvest table. Sunken living room with walkout to the large front deck.

HIGHWAY 118 $575,000

Private year-round home situated on 10 acres. Located 15 minutes to the towns of Minden and Haliburton. This is a great home for a large family. 4 bdrms, 3 baths, and large rec room. Hardwood and laminate flooring and custom kitchen. Open concept living room and dining room with walkout to the large deck. Large 2 storey shed is ideal for the handyman, artist or just storage.

COPE LAKE ROAD $575,000

Looking for privacy? Then this 2+1 bdrm, 2 bath home or home away from home is for you! Nestled amongst 7.85 acres of nicely treed property with a small stream and crown land across the road. Municipal access to pretty Cope Lake just down the road. Warm and cozy main living area with walkout to the deck. Open concept kitchen and dining area with ample natural lighting. Very well constructed and efficient home with many recent upgrades.

CONTAU LAKE $535,000

This stunning 8.38ac parcel of land features 864 ft of frontage and Southeastern exposure. Surrounded by mature trees with plenty of cleared land for privacy and quiet living. Perfectly nestled amongst the trees is a 3 bdrm traditional log cottage. This three-season cottage has a dug well (not currently operational) and cistern, a small single detached garage/ workshop, woodshed, and ample storage space in shed.

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